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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Chapter 11

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

**ROYAL CONSUMER PRODUCTS, LLC'S LIMITED OBJECTION  
TO CURE COSTS, DEMAND FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION, AND  
RESERVATION OF RIGHTS TO DEBTORS' FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL  
NOTICE OF CURE COSTS AND POTENTIAL ASSUMPTION AND  
ASSIGNMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED  
LEASES IN CONNECTION WITH GLOBAL SALE TRANSACTION**

Royal Consumer Products, LLC (“RCP”), by its undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this limited objection to, and reservation of rights concerning, the proposed Cure Costs and Adequate Assurance as provided in the Fourth Supplemental Notice of Cure Costs and Potential Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in Connection with Global Sale Transaction [ECF Doc 2995] (“4<sup>th</sup> Cure Notice”) filed by Debtors, and RCP states as follows:

**BACKGROUND**

1. On or about October 15, 2018 (the “Petition Date”), Debtors filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) with this Court.

2. The Debtors are operating their business as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

3. On November 19, 2018, the Court entered the Order Approving Global Bidding Procedures and Granting Related Relief [ECF Doc. 816] (the “Global Bidding Procedures Order”).

4. On January 18, 2019, the Debtors filed the Successful Bidder Notice, which gave notice, among other things, that Debtors had determined the offer submitted by Transform Holdco, LLC (the “Buyer”), established by ESL Investments, Inc., to acquire all or substantially all of the Global Assets was the highest and best off for the Global Assets received. Attached to the Successful Bidder Notice as Exhibit B was a copy of the asset purchase agreement between the Buyer and Debtors (the “APA”).

5. Also on January 18, 2019, the Debtors filed Notice of Cure Costs And Potential Assumption And Assignment of Executory Contracts And Unexpired Leases in Connection With Global Sale Transaction [ECF Doc. 1731] (the “Cure Notice”). Although not listed in Exhibit A to the Cure Notice, which identifies purported “executory contracts,” it appeared that the Debtors were proposing to assume an executory contract with RCP.

6. On January 26, 2019, RCP filed *Royal Consumer Products, LLC's Limited Objection and Reservation of Rights to Debtors' Global Asset Sale Transaction and Notice of Cure Costs and Potential Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in Connection with Global Sale Transaction* [ECF Doc. 2014].

7. In Exhibit A to its 4<sup>th</sup> Cure Notice, Debtors identify the Agreement (as defined below) as being subject to the assumption and assignment in connection with the Global Asset Sale Transaction that were not included in the prior Cure Notices and the Debtors’

calculation of the Cure Costs with respect thereto (\$27,302.99). The Debtors' calculation of the Cure Costs is incomplete. Specifically, the Cure Costs calculation omits \$16,308.29 in post-petition accounts receivable plus current consignment inventory in the amount of \$42,604.26.

### **OBEJCTION TO CURE COSTS**

8. On or about January 15, 2012, Kmart Corporation, Sears, Roebuck and Co. and all other subsidiaries of Sears Holdings Corporation and Kmart Corporation (collectively "Debtors") and Royal Consumer Products LLC ("RCP" or "Claimant") entered into the Scan-Based Trading and Consignment Agreement as modified and supplemented by the Scan-Based Trading and Consignment Agreement Rider dated as of May 8, 2012 (collectively the "Agreement"). A copy of the Agreement is annexed hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

9. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, RCP delivers poster board, foam board and project board products and similar merchandise to Debtors on consignment for resale to retail consumers. Debtors offer RCP's merchandise for sale to Debtors' customers. Under the Agreement, Debtors are required to pay RCP net proceeds from the sale of RCP's merchandise thirty (30) days from the date the merchandise is scanned by Debtors at their cash registers.

10. Under the Agreement, RCP was granted a perfected security interest in its inventory delivered to Debtors and the accounts receivable generated from any sale of RCP's consignment merchandise sold by Debtors. RCP and Debtors further agreed that RCP could file financing statements, any amendments and other appropriate Uniform Commercial Code forms and/or other documents reflecting Vendor's consigning the merchandise and proceeds. On or about December 16, 2014, Claimant filed a UCC Financial Statement with the

Michigan Department of State (“UCC-1”). A true and correct copy of Claimant’s UCC-1 is annexed hereto as **Exhibit 2**. Debtor is currently holding Claimant’s merchandise, which was delivered on consignment before October 15, 2018 (the petition date) worth a total of \$42,604.26. Furthermore, there is \$27,299.51 presently due and owing from Debtor to Claimant for the merchandise sold pursuant to the Agreement prior to October 15, 2018. Finally, there is \$16,308.29 due and owing to RCP from the Debtor for the merchandise sold pursuant to the Agreement after the petition, for a total of \$86,212.06. A true and correct copy of a spreadsheet summarizing these amounts is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

11. RCP objects to the assumption and assignment unless Debtors fully cure all defaults under the Agreement.

12. In addition, RCP objects to the assumption and assignment of the Agreement unless and until RCP receives adequate protection of its consigned inventory unpaid account inventory and its perfected security interest therein. Without limitation, RCP requires that it be permitted to file UCC-1 financing statements against Buyer in order to perfect its security interest in any of RCP’s inventory delivered to Buyer whether by Debtors or RCP.

#### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

13. RCP reserves all of its rights and remedies under the Agreement, its security associated UCC-1 financing statements.

14. RCP reserves all of its rights, claims, defenses, and remedies, including, without limitation, the right to amend, modify, supplement or withdraw this Limited Objection, to seek discovery, and to raise additional objections during or prior to the hearing.

15. RCP further reserves its rights, without limitation, (a) to have final orders entered only after *de novo* review by a District Court Judge, (b) to trial by jury in any

proceeding so triable in these Cases or any case, controversy or proceeding related to these Cases, (c) to have the District court withdraw the reference in any matter subject to mandatory or discretionary withdrawal or (d) to any other rights, claims, actions, setoffs or recoupments to which RCP is or may be entitled, in law or in equity.

**CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, RCP objects to the 4<sup>th</sup> Cure Notice as the Debtors' calculation of the Cure Costs is inaccurate, and RCP otherwise reserves all of its rights and remedies under the Agreement, at law, or in equity.

Dated: New York, New York  
April 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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**Certification of Service**

I hereby certify that on April 8, 2019 I caused a copy of the within Limited Objection and Reservation of Rights to be served (1) by email to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system; and (2) by first class mail, ECF, or e-mail to upon the following parties:

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